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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FEBRUARY 13, 1975

QUOTE: Q. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED OR
NOT THAT THE SECRETARY IS MEETING WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN
TUESDAY IN ZURICH. IS THAT RIGHT? IS THERE SOMETHING ON
THAT THAT YOU CAN GIVE US?

A. YES, THAT MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED IN JERUSALEM AT THE SAME
TIME AS THE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIO. HIS
MAJESTY THE SHAH OF IRAN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL MEET
IN ZURICH ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18.

Q. DO THEY GIVE THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING?

A. WELL, I THINK THE SECRETARY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A
GENERAL REVIEW WITH HIS MAJESTY, THE SHAH, OF THE MANY

SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST WHICH THEY LAST HAD A CHANCE
TO DISCUSS PERSONALLY DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO IRAN
LAST NOVEMBER.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT UNDER SOME KIND
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OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT IF ISRAEL GAVE UP
THE ABU RUDIES OIL FIELDS THAT IRAN WOULD MAKE UP THE
SUPPLY TO ISRAEL WITH THE UNITED STATES GUARANTEEING
ISRAEL THE NECESSARY OIL IN CASE IRAN FAILED FOR ONE REASON
OR ANOTHER. IS THIS TO BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS AT ZURICH,
OR WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ON THAT?

A. I DON'T THINK I REALLY WANT TO COMMENT ON ANY ASPECTS

OF THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION AND THE QUESTION THAT THE SECRETARY IS ENGAGED IN AT THE PRESENT TIME.

Q. CAN WE GO A LITTLE FURTHER, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED STATEMENT BY A PLO SPOKESMAN IN BEIRUT TO THE EFFECT THAT "WE DON'T TRUST DR. KISSINGER"? THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A DIRECT QUOTE.

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT.

Q. ON THIS LOAN TO EGYPT OF \$80 MILLION UNDER THE AID AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM, I'M NOT QUITE CLEAR ON THIS, I TRY TO GET JUST A LITTLE CLARIFICATION OF THIS. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHAT THIS \$250 MILLION CONSISTS OF IN TERMS OF GRANTS AND LOANS? OR IT'S AN AUTHORIZATION IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND, THEREFORE, A LOAN CAN'T BE MADE TECHNICALLY, I UNDERSTAND, UNTIL THE APPROPRIATION ACTUALLY IS MADE. WHAT ARE THE TECHNICALITIES OF THIS?

A. I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR I CAN GO INTO THE TECHNICALITIES. AS FAR AS THE KINDS OF COMMODITIES THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPORT UNDER THIS PROGRAM, SAY THAT THERE WILL BE A VERY BROAD RANGE OF COMMODITIES ELIGIBLE UNDER THE LOAN, BUT PRINCIPALLY WE EXPECT THE EGYPTIANS TO USE THE LOAN FOR THE IMPORT OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS AND INTERMEDIATE GOODS REQUIRED IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, SUCH AS INSECTICIDES OR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Q. NO, WHAT I MEANT IS THAT THE \$250 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED UNDER THE FOREIGN AID PROGRAM FOR FISCAL 75, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE BREAKDOWN OF THAT FIGURE IN TERMS OF LOANS AND GRANTS? HOW MUCH IS LOAN AND HOW UNCLASSIFIED

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MUCH IS GRANT, IF ANY?

A. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT WAS MADE IN CAIRO, AND SEE IF THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THAT. I DON'T HAVE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ME.

Q. THE LEGISLATION WILL BE IN THE TEXT HERE RATHER THAN THERE.

A. YOU ARE ASKING FOR THE BREAKDOWN, AND I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION WITH ME.

Q. NOW, THE \$52-1/2 MILLION UNDER THE FOOD FOR PEACE

PROGRAM, IS THAT IN AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE ALREADY
ADOPTED BY CONGRESS OR IS THAT ALSO PENDING IN AN
AUTHORIZATION BILL SOMEWHERE?

A. WELL, THE \$80 MILLION AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO, AS
I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS MORNING, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST
MAJOR PROGRAM AGREEMENT UTILIZING THE \$150 MILLION WHICH
WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE CONGRESS FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION
OF THE \$250 MILLION PROGRAM FOR EGYPT.

Q. WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THIS BUT THERE IS A
DIFFERENCE HERE. THE \$150 MILLION IS PART OF THE CON-
TINUING RESOLUTION PENDING THE APPROPRIATION BILL WHICH
HAS NOT YET BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS AND WHICH IT MUST
DO SOMETHING ABOUT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE \$250
MILLION WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE LAST CONGRESS AND SIGNED INTO
LAW, FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED. SO
WE'RE CLEAR NOW. THE \$80 MILLION APPLIES TO THE \$150
MILLION AND NOT THE \$250 MILLION WHICH IS SPECIFIED IN THE
RELEASE WHICH YOU GAVE US EARLIER TODAY, IS THAT RIGHT?

A. I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT.

Q. IS THERE A PLAN TO ANNOUNCE THE GRANT TO SYRIA IN
DAMASCUS, OR HERE, OR SIMULTANEOUSLY? WHAT IS THE
SITUATION ON THAT?
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A. I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. END QUOTE.
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